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COVETING THE KAME

By a 4-3 vote, town council elected to tell the province not to shrink the protected boundaries of the Fonthill Kame.

While some councillors say it is necessary to inform the Natural Resources Ministry of the kame's importance now, others weren't as keen to put forward a position just yet.

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Gerry Berkhout, chair of Pelham Veterans Park, kneels by the names on 90 new bricks, including 70 for veterans, added to the park. Seven of the bricks have the names of veterans of the Afghanistan War. They include three soldiers from Niagara who were killed in Afghanistan.

REMEMBRANCE: Services on Sunday

Lest we forget

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

A bugler will play *Last Post* and *Reveille* three times on Sunday.

Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 will salute fallen veterans at three locations.

Lincoln and Welland Regiment 613 army cadets will stand guard with heads bowed at three cenotaphs in Fenwick, Pelham Centre and Fonthill.

Political representatives will search for words to honour those who didn't return from serving Canada in lands overseas.

Following a longstanding tradition, the town remembers its war dead in three memorial ceremonies and a church service on the Sunday before Remembrance Day.

A bus will leave the legion hall on Regional Rd. 20 at 8:20 a.m. for legion members or veterans who wish a ride.

Ceremonies at the Fenwick cenotaph in Centennial Park will begin at 9 a.m.

They will take place in front of the Fenwick memorial, which was built in the 1970s. Remembrance ceremonies were once held around the flag pole at Maple St. and Canboro Rd.

The Pelham Centre ceremony at the old Pelham town hall will begin at 10 a.m.

Cadets, legion members, political representatives and the public will surround a cenotaph, which lists the names of Pelham township soldiers, sailors and air crew who did not return from the First World War.

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■ **COUNCIL:** Mayor for a Day

Crossley student bangs the mayor's gavel

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Byron Hunter learned a lot about being Pelham's top elected official through hands-on experience Monday.

The Grade 10 E.L. Crossley civics student won the post of mayor-for-a-day in a class election last week.

On Monday he shadowed Mayor Dave Augustyn, got a tour of town hall and a behind-the-scenes look at Pelham Arena, helped to unveil a new Pelham heritage sign and visited the Fonthill fire station, Tice Rd. operations centre and the Maple Acre Library in Fenwick.

He also joined the mayor to look at construction work on Elizabeth, Brock and Haist Sts.

He opened a regular meeting of town council in the evening.

Hunter said it really opened up his eyes as to how much the mayor does.

"I just thought he was a figurehead," he said during an interview at the Fenwick library.

Similarly, he was surprised to find out how many people work for the town.

When he toured the arena he came to understand how dedicated the staff were to their jobs.

"A lot of students need to understand more about what goes on in the town, how it functions if they could get in to see it."

Hunter said town staffers are talking about a skate park, which he thought would be a good idea — as would be a recreation complex.

"I will definitely inform teachers how it went. It went extremely well. I learned a lot."

He said he doesn't think people understood the duties and responsibility of the mayor and local government.

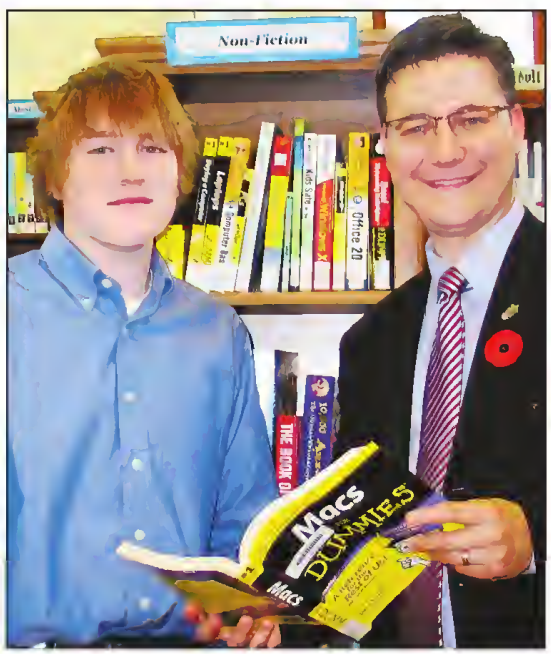
Did he have any advice for the mayor?

"Maybe a little tidier office."

Augustyn said this is the second year of the mayor-for-a-day program. The municipalities association and a clerks association encouraged towns and cities to reach out into their communities more to inform them about local government.

The Ontario school curriculum has civics on its Grade 5 and Grade 10 programs. The mayor visited Grade 5 classes last week and set up the mayor-for-a-day program.

He said he plans to continue the program.



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Byron Hunter, a Grade 10 civics student, won an election at E.L. Crossley Secondary School to serve as Pelham's mayor-for-a-day. Mayor Dave Augustyn is showing him the Maple Acre Library during a tour of the town.

Hunter lives on a horse farm in North Pelham with his parents and two sisters.

Augustyn said, "Byron took the role seriously. He's a keen learner." There is a "mystique about government, we have to show ways to make goverment more accessible to people."

He called the mayor-for-a-day a mini co-op.

"Anytime one can bring the real world to the classroom or the the classroom to the real world, it's a good thing."

■ **COUNCIL:** Protecting Fonthill Kame

Split vote backs freeze

PelhamNEWS Staff

By a split 4-3 vote, town council sent a message to the provincial government not to reduce a protection area for the Fonthill Kame.

It was responding to a letter from Natural Resources Minister Donna Cansfield who said her ministry will review the town's concerns along with any other concerns raised.

The Fonthill Kame is in an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).

The ministry is considering reducing the size of the area that is protected by provincial planning policies.

In a recorded vote Monday night, Mayor Dave Augustyn, Ward 1 Coun. Jim Lane, Ward 2 Coun. Dave Emmons and Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz voted that the kame be protected as is.

Voting against a protection resolution were Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook, Ward 3 Coun. John Durley and Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp.

In the debate, Augustyn pointed to scientific information council had received on the issue since it delayed making a comment last summer.

Patrick Robson, commissioner of integrated community planning for Niagara Region, in a letter said the region on July 30 opposed the proposed reductions and recommended instead that the ANSI "be enlarged to encompass the whole kame-delta feature outside the urban areas of Fonthill and Fenwick."

The area that is proposed to be removed from the ANSI "is the area that is most vulnerable to development pressure in the form of proposals for aggregate extraction," said Robson.

Brock University earth sciences professor John Menzies similarly recommended a larger ANSI.

"This kame is the supreme example for the province and Canada of an Area of Natural Scientific Interest that must be preserved for generations to come," he said.

"The loss of this unique landform by continued aggregate extraction would be a tragedy and a catastrophe for Canada and the world community."

After the meeting, Durley said he voted against the motion because he thought it was presented too soon. The province hadn't done anything yet.

He said people have to take a wider perspective. If Lafarge — the local company digging sand and gravel out of the kame — had to truck its aggregate from outside the area, the cost of housing, roads and other development in Niagara would increase considerably.

Papp said he felt council's motion was dealt with too soon, saying limits put on the expansion of Lafarge's aggregate operations are many and an expansion of the ANSI may not be necessary.

Cook similarly said she didn't think the motion was well-timed. Lafarge still has years of aggregate supply in its present operation.

Augustyn said now was the time to send a clear message to the province because the minister asked for it.

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A group of dancers who work at Costco in St. Catharines joined an international attempt to break a Guinness Book of World Records for the most people to perform to the Michael Jackson song *Thriller*. They chose the popular Halloween decorated home of Diane Belanger and Randy Walinga on Elizabeth Dr. in Fonthill for the performance. A large crowd gathered to watch at the house known for its Halloween highlights.

Staff Photo

Dinosaurs stalked the sidewalks as Kindergarten to Grade 3 students of E.W. Farr Public School held a Halloween costume parade through subdivision streets surrounding the school last Friday.

Haunting time

Staff Photo

Ghosts and goblins from St. Ann Catholic School haunted downtown Fenwick last Friday afternoon. They visited offices, stores and banks showing off costumes they prepared for the Halloween trick and treating on Saturday.

Staff Photo

Julia Natale, left, coaches brother Joey Natale with help from Abby Thibodeau during a pumpkin carving contest at the Pelham Arena Friday. The contest was sponsored by the Town of Pelham Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and the Boys and Girls Club at the Pelham Arena Friday. The two groups also sponsored a Halloween Skate.

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Wayne Campbell
EDITOR

A contrast

The contrast between the themes of the two weekends is striking.

Last Saturday, we celebrated a lighter view of the spirit world.

Halloween draws from an ancient Celtic belief that once a year the dead returned to mix with the living.

In the modern version, this past Friday and Saturday young people and adults dressed up to roam the streets as ghosts, goblins, zombies cartoon characters, super heroes and legendary figures.

This weekend, we take a much more somber look at death and the sacrifice that went with it.

On Sunday, at the town's three cenotaphs in Fenwick's Centennial Park, at the Old Pelham Town Hall in Pelham Centre and at the Fonthill cenotaph in Pelham Peace Park we remember and honour the war dead.

They are those who did not return while serving in Canada's armed forces. They were young men and young women who lost their lives in the two world wars, Korea, in peace keeping missions and most recently in Afghanistan.

As the Fenwick cenotaph inscription points out we also honor those who are victims of war.

On Wednesday, Remembrance Day, the town will mark the official anniversary of the end of the war to end all wars with a ceremony at the new Pelham Veterans Park a the Branch 613's Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Regional Rd. 20.

Sadly, a highlight is the recognition of the latest memorial bricks for young soldiers who died in our current war in Afghanistan.

It would be moving if the crowds at the cenotaphs on Sunday and Wednesday were as large as those who observed Halloween last weekend.

Biking opportunities could roll into town

Brian Baty
REGIONAL VIEW

As chair of the Regional Niagara Bicycle Committee, I was invited to a forum a couple of weeks ago to discuss plans for improving walking and cycling opportunities for three schools in Niagara.

Fortunately, Pelham is one of the communities under consideration along with St.Catharines and Grimsby.

The audience included a variety of individuals including school trustees, Niagara Regional Police, school personnel, transportation personnel, planners, public health and public works personnel.

The first presentation provided an overview of efforts around the globe to improve active transportation to and from school. Then we focused on the Canadian School Travel Planning Model from Green Communities Canada. We learned of initial pilot projects across Canada and the possibility of involvement of three schools in Niagara as a second wave of pilot projects.

Members who attended this meeting were asked to join a steering committee to guide the Niagara project and to pledge a statement of support.

The RNBC supported this project at its meeting last week and the recommendation will now proceed to the standing committee and regional council for support.

Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz from the Town of Pelham also introduced this item to town council and requested a staff report for consideration.

The chosen school should meet certain criteria. It must be a JK to Grade 8 school; it needs to be enthusiastic about participating; it must commit to support and contribute in kind staff and parent time; most students need to live within a reasonable distance and most students are not bussed to school and be on routes that are or can be made safe.

Finally, schools must be located in municipalities that are prepared to commit to making school travel planning a priority in their community and provide funding for engineering and design studies that might be required.

Schools will be provided an incentive of $2,000. for participating. College students will be brought in to do an initial audit noting the number of students arriving and departing school by walking, cycling, by car or bus.

Then neighbourhoods will be travelled noting existing safe supports for travel and noting barriers for safe travel. Some barriers such as tree or shrub pruning could happen quickly while significant infrastructure requirements like traffic lights, sidewalks, paved shoulders or bike lanes would require funding and more time. Later in the year an audit is done to show the increase in cycling and walking to and from school.

Websites for resources and further information are www.kidsonthemove.ca and www.saferoutestoschool.ca. One resource notes that if just nine families on a street created a "walking school bus," then 1,000 kg less carbon dioxide would be emitted into the atmosphere.

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Letter to the editor

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Or donations can be made following the Nov. 11 Remembrance Day services at Veteran's Park.

Your support during the past two years has been greatly appreciated by Canadians who serve their country very far from home.

Branch 613 also expresses its sincere thanks.

Douglas E. Elliott
Kandahar Coffee Committee
Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 613

Senate woes

The talk of Senate reform is again in the news. This time it is the senators who are provoking the discussion as they are taking the liberty of making major amendments to crime bills already passed by the elected House of Commons.

Canadians have been clear that they want criminals' sentences to reflect the crime committed. Changes to the Criminal Code and to the administration of justice are part of our government's strategy to protect families and communities. Justice Minister Rob Nicholson has responded to the message sent to us by Canadians and introduced Bill C-25.

Dean Allison
MP'S VIEW

This key piece of anti-crime legislation seeks to end the practice of reducing criminals' sentences at a 2 for 1 ratio for time served in pre-trial custody. Besides significantly cutting down on the sentences that criminals have to serve, this provision in the Criminal Code also encourages criminal defense lawyers to draw out trials, thereby reducing the actual time that their client has to serve in prison.

Bill C-25 received strong support by provincial ministers from all parties, as well as victims' groups and police associations and was passed unanimously by the House of Commons.

Despite overwhelming public support, the Senate is now attempting to effectively kill the bill by passing amendments that will still make 2 for 1 sentencing possible. A bill receiving unanimous support in the House of Commons is a rare feat in and of itself. That the Senate would choose to impede such a bill is simply mind-boggling.

Their action has renewed calls for senate reform from every corner of the country, including the Canadian Police Association (CPA) which has demanded the Senate pass Bill C-25 in its original state. CPA president Charles Momy was quoted in a Sun Media article as saying "We are astonished that members of this Senate committee would side with the interests of convicted criminals and provide them with a codified get-out-of-jail card. Releasing offenders into communities prematurely is a recipe for failure and puts public safety at risk."

Many of the provincial Premiers have also made public their opposition to what the Senate is now trying to do. B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell complained that "The amendments proposed by this unelected Senate water down the strength of Bill C-25."

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■ ALLISON

PM has long advocated senate reform

FROM PAGE 4

Outgoing Premier Gary Doer of Manitoba went further and openly called for the abolition of the Senate during his last speech in the Manitoba legislature.

The prime minister has long advocated Senate reform, but, of course, any legislation to do that would require the bill being passed in the Ssenate.

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■ REMEMBRANCE

Veterans Park site on Wednesday

FROM PAGE 1

The old town hall was the Pelham Township hall before the creation of the Town of Pelham with regionalization in 1970.

At 11 p.m. a memorial church service will be held at Fonthill Baptist Church at Pelham St. and Church Hill.

At 12:30 p.m. the third cenotaph service will begin at the town's official cenotaph behind the municipal building in Peace Park in Fonthill.

It lists the names of war dead from the First and Second World War, Korean War and one from the Vietnam War.

On Remembrance Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, the legion will honour all the area's war dead at a ceremony in front of its cenotaph Pelham Veterans Park at 11 a.m.

The park, which officially opened last Remembrance Day, will have 92 more name bricks this Remembrance Day. It brings the total numbered purchased to 640 of which 407 honour veterans of wars and peacekeeping actions.

Among the new bricks are seven for veterans of the Afghanistan War including three from the Niagara Region who were killed there.

Staff Photo

This cenotaph in front of the Old Pelham Town Hall lists the names of Pelham Township residents who did not return from the First World War. The hall in Pelham Centre was the Pelham Township municipal building. It is one of three cenotaph sites for remembrance services on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Staff Photo

This cenotaph in Centennial Park in Fenwick remembers all victims of war. It was built in 1977 and is one of three around which remembrance services will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8.

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A cenotaph in Pelham Peace Park behind the town's municipal building in Fonthill lists the names of area residents who died in the First World War, Second World War, Korean War and Vietnam War.

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Christine Elizabeth Hoover of Elizabeth's Home Decor, left, Renita Damm-Kiers of J&J Floral Expressions Inc. and Anne Winnicki of In The Village are three of seven decorators who will design Christmas layouts for six homes and Fonthill United Church for the church's 6th annual Christmas house tour on Saturday Nov. 14.

FONTHILL UNITED TOUR: Homes for the Holidays on Nov. 14

Six homes dress up for church

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Fonthill United Church unwraps an early gift and Christmas cheer to local and not-so-local residents.

Through the 6th annual Christmas house tour – Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – the church raises funds with $18 tickets to conduct local and international aid projects.

In a partnership, with seven local decorators it shows how to put holiday touches on six homes and the church.

"We had 400 take the tour in 2007 for our best year," said Carolyn van der Sluis who, along with Virginia Haun, is a co-chair of the project. "In 2008 we had 300 on a rainy, wet day."

The weather does play a role, she said, but it doesn't seem to deter people coming from a wide area. Last year visitors came from across Niagara as well as Hamilton, Toronto, Burlington and Guelph.

"One even found the tour by Googling," she said.

This year the tour has a variety of homes.

Visitors like the layout of the route, said van der Sluis. The homes are relatively close together in Fonthill with one just over the border in Welland.

"They can get through the tour in the time allotted and still have time for tea and scones at the church," she said.

The designers include: regulars such as J&J Floral Expressions Inc., In the Village, and Mary Luska Interiors; a returning one in Vermeer's Garden Centre and Flower Shop; and a new one in home-based Elizabeth's Home Decor, Cox Home Furniture and Forever Flowers.

Each designer will decorate one house while Forever Flowers will dress up the church for Christmas.

"Each has their own unique style," said van der Sluis, which will delight those who take the tour as they take off their shows and carry them in a bag donated by Sobeys.

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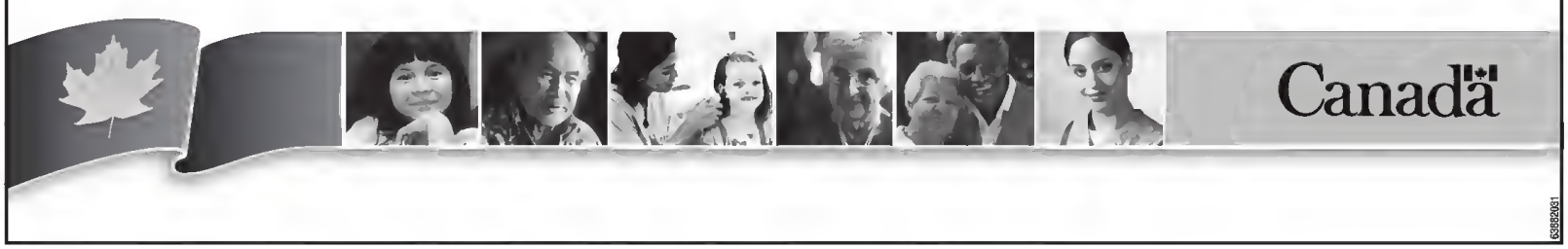

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■ RECIPE

Flavourful chicken posole

Ruth Nixon
WHISKING WITH RUTH

Warm up on these cool days with this spicy, flavorful posole.

The addition of lime juice at the end make for an explosion of flavour, and once the toppings have been added (avocado and shredded cheese are my favourite), this soup becomes a meal unto itself. Hominy can be found in specialty shops, but if you have trouble tracking it down, chickpeas are a great substitute.

Yield: 8 servings

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 1/2 tbsp chile powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- dried crushed chiles (to taste)
- 1 1/2 cups diced tomatoes
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 can hominy (or garbanzo beans)
- 2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded
- 1/3 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
- Assorted garnished such as diced avocado, sour cream, shredded Monterey jack cheese, tortilla chips

Heat oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onions; cook until translucent, about 5 mins. Add garlic, tomato paste, chile powder and oregano. Cook stirring constantly, until fragrant and evenly distributed.

Add 4 cups water, chicken broth and hominy. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and cook until fragrant, about 30 mins.

Stir in chicken, season lightly with salt and pepper. Take off heat and add lime juice. Taste for correct level of tang. Serve with garnishes and ice cold cerveca.

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BABYSITTING COURSE NEXT WEEK

WELLAND — Niagara Region Children's Safety Village is offering KidSafe Canada babysitter courses.

The village will host the program Friday, Nov. 13, which is a professional activity day for both the public and Catholic school boards, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Youth can register online by visiting www.kidsafecanada.com or by calling 289-234-8700.

Often, babysitting is the first job for young people and the KidSafe Canada babysitter's course can help babysitters to be more prepared for the job. This youth program is taught by trained instructors and focuses on teaching participants the essential childcare skills needed to be responsible childcare givers including: basic skills such as diaper changing, holding and feeding a baby, simple and nutritional snacks and meals for kids, and great games. The course also highlights the rights and responsibilities of the babysitter and the hiring family, how to handle emergencies with an introduction to CPR for infants and children, and choking and airway management.

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■ FONTHILL COFFEE HOUSE

Sweet harmonies open season

ED BERTOLI
For PelhamNEWS

Local singers Nancy Bozzato and Rhonda Baker opened up the Fonthill Coffee House on Oct. 9 with a 10-song set that delivered the vocal goods and thoroughly pleased the 70 or so audience members in attendance that night.

The two met about five years ago through their involvement with the Treblaires, a regional ladies' show choir that performs for business and professional associations, service clubs, fundraisers and numerous other local functions.

To say that their voices complement each other is an understatement. They were accompanied that evening by Nancy's husband Brian Bozzato, whose guitar work and occasional vocals tied the pieces together nicely.

Nancy and Brian initially took the stage together for the opening song — a piece by Steve Earle and current spouse Allison Moorer. Nancy and Brian dedicated a heartfelt rendition of *Days Aren't Long Enough* to daughters Brianne and Carline. That first song managed to set up the emotional stage for the evening, and it just carried on from there when Rhonda joined in for the rest of the performance.

The group got right down to business with the first of two Linda Ronstadt numbers performed that evening, *Maybe I'm Right*.

This was followed by Simon and Garfunkel's signature song *Homeward Bound*.

The highlight of their performance for me, however, was the harmony-heavy *Seven Bridges Road* written by Steve Young.

The group was later joined on stage by local musician (and current Fonthill Coffee House president) Jim Stephenson. Jim's guitar work nicely complemented Brian for America's *Ventura Highway*, followed with an audience-participation rockin' rendition of the Everly Brothers' *Wake up Little Suzie*. The song may have been banned in Boston in 1957, but the audience loved it in Fonthill that night.

Nancy and Rhonda reserved their personal favorite, Nicolette Larson's version of *Angels Rejoiced*, for their final offering.

The open mike format for the rest of the evening featured an eclectic variety of crowd pleasing local artists and various musical formats.

The Fonthill Coffee House is held on the second Friday of every month (except July and August) at Old Town Hall on Canboro Rd.

Recent expense increases (including the payment of SOCAN fees) have prompted an admission price rise for the first time in the Coffee House's 16-year history — audience members were informed that the price will rise to $3 from the usual toonie.

Coffee, soft drinks, pizza slices, and other goodies are still only a dollar and, as always, significant donations are made to local charities at the end of each season.

The feature act for the November event will be Wayne Hosick and Ed Bertoli (a.k.a. Strings Attached).

Information about upcoming dates, feature sets, and other assorted items can be found at www.myspace.com/fonthillcoffeehouse.

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Courcelette remembers the role of the Canadian Corps in pushing back German troops at the battle of the Somme in September and November, 1916.

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HERITAGE: Fenwick sign completes project

A sign of the olden times

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

In his final act as chair of the Pelham Communities in Bloom committee, Don Marr unveiled Pelham's last heritage community sign Monday.

Marr, who is retiring from the committee, said this seventh sign, which marks the eastern entrance to Fenwick at Balfour St. and Memorial Dr., appropriately ends the sequence.

"Our first sign was for Fenwick's entrance at Welland and Canboro Rd.," he said.

Since then, the committee through its annual garden tours, has raised money for two heritage signs in Fonthill, and single ones in Ridgeville, North Pelham and Effingham. It also donated a sign to Pelham Veteran's Park.

The new Fenwick sign bears the original name of the community, Diffins Corners.

It was named after a pair of brothers who founded the town. One of them operated a hotel.

Mayor Dave Augustyn praised the sign program for its emphasis on the the history of Pelham.

"While people know it is one town they associate with the neighbourhoods they live in such as Fenwick, Ridgeville and Effingham," he said.

Part of the Smart Growth philosophy Niagara Region follows encourages people to identify with their neighbourhood or district.

Marr said in the future Communities in Bloom will concentrate on creating larger gardens as well as encouraging people throughout the town to beautify their properties.

Landscaping of the site was donated by DeKorte's Landscaping, with plants and bushes from Willowbrook Nuseries.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Mayor-for-a-Day Byron Hunter and Don Marr, chair of Pelham Communities in Bloom, unveil the town's seventh heritage sign at an eastern entrance to Fenwick at Memorial Dr. and Balfour St. From left are Ward 3 Coun. John Durley, Ward 1 Coun. Jim Lane, Mayor Dave Augustyn, Hunter, Marr, committee members Shirley Lazareth, Lois Albanese, Santa Cyopik, Brenda Neilson, and Leo Bruzzese.

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■ **TENNIS:** PTA holds annual meeting

It was a good year for club: president

For PelhamNEWS

Pelham Tennis Association recently held its annual general meeting with president Yann Marais' outlining the season and presenting awards.

He said 2009 "was a good year again for our club: we were able to keep pretty much the same number of members in each category but it seems that the courts were used more and that is great!"

Another success is the junior program, especially the clinic program. The number of lessons offered this year increased and that shows a very dynamic club. "We are starting to see some results in tournaments also. Quite a few players went to OFSAA and SOSSA (tournaments for the high-school students) playing extremely well .

Emma Roberts won SOSSA junior in single, Aaron Waldt finished second in men's single. Mary Ann Landry won senior doubles and Erica Pisani won senior single

They both will represent Notre Dame and the PTA at OFSAA in the spring.

"Finally, we were very pleased with the adult tournaments at the end of the season," he said.

Quite a few members participated in the tournaments and this year, we even had some juniors playing.

The award winners were:

Gatha Award winners are: Emma Roberts and Aaron Waldt

Fenwick Lions Medallions, Academy Category: Mary Ann Landry

Most Dedicated: Bryan Southwell

Most Improved: Andrew Coyne and Tressa Mastrioani

Most Sportsmanlike: Erica Pisani and Malcolm Lynett.

Future Star: Xavier West, Kirsten Atamanyk

Fenwick Lions Medallions Recreational category-Most Improved: Lauryn Gabriele, Kayla Connely

Most Dedicated: Jordan Reeves, Evan Kernaghan

Most Sportsmanlike: Rachel Roberts, Jordan Waldt (absent).

"We will try to hold 2 junior tournaments next year, one for sure. The junior tournament will be a SWAT tournament and will take place again the last weekend of July. We are looking at a little tournament, combining an adult and a junior, possibly in June," said Marais.

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Nine E.L. Crossley Cross Country competitors have qualified for OFSAA (Ontario Federation Secondary Athletic Association) next week at Boyd Conservation in Woodbridge on Nov 7. Front left: Mackenzie Campbell, Kathryn Hrycusko, Jillian Young and Alannah MacDonald Back left: Maria Gearing, Phil Herring and Karley Rempel. Missing from photo is Alex DelleMonache

■ **CROSS COUNTRY:** Strong showing at regional run

Off to OFSSA for nine runners from E.L. Crossley

For PelhamNEWS

Nine E.L. Crossley Cross Country competitors have qualified for OFSAA (Ontario Federation Secondary Athletic Association) next week at Boyd Conservation in Woodbridge on Nov. 7.

To qualify for OFSAA the athletes had to place in the top two teams or top 3 individuals if not on the top 2 teams.

The junior girls team (Alannah MacDonald first overall, Maria Gearing fifth overall, Kathryn Hrycusko nineth overall, Jillian Young 15th overall and Mackenzie Campbell 25th overall) qualified by placing first overall beating Highland H.S. by seven points.

Karley Rempel (Senior Girl) qualified as an individual by placing 1st overall. Phil Hering (Junior Boy) qualified by placing third overall and first as an individual.

Alex DelleMonache (Midget Boy) placed fifth overall and second as an individual.

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■ **BASKETBALL**

Panthers open season with win

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham Panthers Major Atom Boys basketball team opened the 2009/2010 season on a positive note by defeating the Welland Warriors 36-26.

Pelham came out flying in the first quarter starting with a nice reverse lay-up off the opening tip by Tyler Grummett.

The Panthers continued to use their speed and size to grab a 13-6 1st quarter lead. Welland then went on a run in the 2nd quarter by taking advantage of some Pelham turnovers and ended up knotting the game 14-14 at half.

The Warriors carried their momentum into the third quarter by pressing the Panthers and continuing to force turnovers and ill-advised shots.

The third quarter also brought with it some controversy at the scorers table. When the dust finally settled, Pelham found itself with points taken off the board and down by six points going into the final quarter.

That was when the party officially ended for Welland. With time winding down, Pelham went to a full-court press and was able to mount a furious rally in the fourth quarter going on an 18-2 run to pull ahead and ultimately seal the victory.

Throughout the game, Pelham played good team basketball and it showed with 9 of 11 players hitting the score sheet. Leading Pelham with 7 points was Kyle Cooper, followed by Tyler Grummett (6 pts) and Bailey Moreau (5 pts). Ben Kalchman, Jared Naar and Chris Fairman each chipped in 4 points while Gabriel Marais, Jacob Dottori and Owen Gallagher had 2 pts each. Mackenzie Bronn and Jordan Pisano both showed tremendous hustle and grit against a tough Welland defense.

Next up for the Panthers are Niagara Falls Red Raiders Nov. 15.

HOCKEY: Good weekend on the road

Novice Reps sweep Niagara Falls in two games back to back

For PelhamNEWS

The Tim Hortons Pelham Novice Rep Hockey Team swept back-to-back road games in Niagara Falls. On Saturday the Panthers were menacing Halloween guests, roaring to a 10-0 victory. Ethan Mergl, assisted by Max Blanchard, and Connor Walton staked Pelham to a 2-0 first period lead. In the second Quentin Annunziatta was on the doorstep for a tap in goal with assists to Alex Repar and Joey Natale.

In the third, Pelham took control with seven consecutive goals. Walton completed his hat trick, Josh Glen scored twice and Adams, Garrett Jackson and Repar also scored.

Justine Barnsley was solid on defence and Nicholas Yioldassis made a number of key saves to earn the shutout.

Sunday, Walton opened the scoring with assists to Veld and Rossi. Alex Blanchard hit the net on a setup from Walton.

In the second period, Natale scored on a feed from Repar and Annunziatta. Fast's defensive stop and outlet to Walton led to the fourth Pelham goal.

In the third period Jackson and Glen scored with assists to Mergl and Glen.

Niagara Falls scored two late goals to make the final score 6-2. Evan Macpherson was strong in net earning the win

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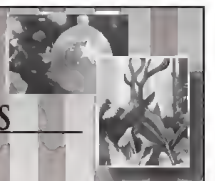

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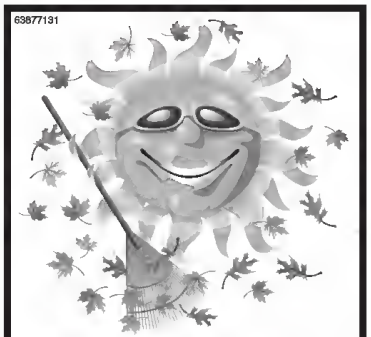

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11
WELLAND CAMERA CLUB welcomes Scott Simon and his program, Early Morning Photography. Members remember your print entries. Come and enjoy an entertaining evening at Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave. N., Welland, starting at 7:45 p.m. For more info contact Larry Lanigan 905-892-4699.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14
HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS Christmas house tour organized by Fonthill United Church. Six homes and church beautifully decorated by local and area designers/florists. Tickets $18. Contact 905-892-6433 (church) or designers for tickets. Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket price includes refreshments at church. Decorators: J&J Floral Expressions, Cox Home Furniture, Mary Luska Interiors, In The Village, Vermeer's Garden Centre and Flower Shop, Elizabeth's Home Décor, Forever Flowers.

PELHAM CHRISTIAN MEN'S breakfast group, a non-denominational group, meets for breakfast and fellowship at Keith's restuarant the second Saturday of each month. It begins at 8 a.m. with an invited guest speaking about his personal Christian walk experience. Breakfast buffet includes juice, coffee (or tea) for $10. Finish about 9 a.m. Please call 905-892-6180 for information.

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Nov. 15 to Jan.7 at The Happy Place, 1433 Pelham St. Fonthill contemporary art and gifts for the holiday season.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21
A VERY BERRY FOOD FAIRE at Wesley United Church, 244 First Ave., Welland, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It features cookie walk, deli table, bake table, jams and jellies, silent auction, and odds and ends. Stay for lunch.

ST. ANN'S CWL ANNUAL BAZAAR at 834 Canboro Rd., Fenwick, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stock up on freezer cabbage rolls, perogies, baked goods and pies. Rummage sale, Penny sale, silent auction, poinsettias, produce, baked goods and delicious lunch. Free coffee and admission, wheelchair accessible. For info call 905-892-6123.

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■ **PROGRESS:** Building to grow at Gilbert's Flowers

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

This property at 766 Welland Rd. will become home to Fenwick's new fire hall.

Fenwick fire hall site selected

PelhamNEWS Staff

The Town of Pelham will buy a piece of property at 766 Welland Rd. as site for a $2.9-million replacement of Fire Station No. 2 in Fenwick.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said the final price and condition of purchase bave still to be finalized.

He said the town looked at town-owned properties in Fenwick and rated them but none suited the criterion needed.

In January the town invited private landowners to suggest sites.

"This particular site was No. 1 well above other properties for what is required."

The nearly 1.2-hectare site now owned by Gilbert's Flowers will include a 900-square-metre fire station and parking lot.

It will connect with Welland Rd. by an existing driveway and back onto Centennial Park.

"It is the perfect site," said the mayor.

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